



CITY OF BRUNSWICK

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007, 7:00 P.M.

*A Closed Session meeting was held on November 13, 2007, 4:00 p.m. at City Hall to interview potential employees. Those in attendance were Mayor Jones; Council Members Bruchey, Smith, Allgaier, Biser, and Stull, staff members Dave Dunn, Rick Stup, Al Danaher, and Planning Commission member Ed Gladstone.. Pursuant to 10-508(a) Allgaier motioned to close the meeting to the public, Stull seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL—Johnson, Biser, Allgaier, Bruchey, Smith—present; Stull—absent

MAYOR'S REMARKS

- Comments on success of Veteran's Day Parade.
- Comments on raising of new Water Tower tank, which happened over weekend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor and Council—October 9 & 23, 2007

Motion to approve—Allgaier

2nd—Biser

Vote 5-0

STAFF REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Waste Water—Mike Campbell

Report attached.

Water—Mike Campbell (Patrick Hoffmaster absent)

Report attached.

Planning & Zoning—Rick Stup

Report attached.

Public Works—Al Danaher

Report attached.

Events–Geri Reynolds
Report attached.

Police–Chief Smith
Report attached.

Code–Dave Dunn
Report attached.

View Engineering–Rick Travers
Report attached.

CITIZENS' FORUM
No Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA
Budget Amendment–Public Works Consulting Expenses
Approved.

Reduction of Guarantee, Sediment Erosion Control, Brunswick Self Storage
Approved.

Release of Guarantee, Contingency Amount, Lots 1-5 East D Street
Approved.

OLD BUSINESS
Parking Permit Program–Dave Dunn
Gives background.

Program to continue as always with following exceptions: two permits per business to be located at Martin's Creek or First Avenue at \$20 each, add one space at City Hall on Petersville Road, change all signage to reflect 9-5 p.m., add 11 spaces on First Avenue to program. Resolution 07-13 memorializes these provisions.

Smith–If Martin's Creek lot gets full, where do new merchants go?

Dave–First Avenue can alleviate stress on Martin's Creek Lot.

Motion to approve with noted changes–Biser
2nd–Johnson
Vote 5-0

Landscape Manual Ordinance 458-469–Veto–Mayor

At last Council meeting, diverse opinions from Council members on this issue. Mayor wrote letter to Planning Commission with Council's concerns. Vote was 4-2 in favor of Landscape Manual...Mayor's concern was to include Lots of Record in Landscape Manual. Deciding to use Veto power of Mayor at this time. Council may overturn that Veto with a unanimous vote.

Smith--Will not vote to overturn veto, therefore veto will stand

Dave Dunn--Attorney was consulted on this matter, and asked how Council could enact the Landscape Manual with exemption of Lots of Record. Dave reads excerpts from attorney letter (attached.) A text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may be enacted in several ways.

Business Property Tax--Dave Dunn

Staff report attached. Finance Committee made suggestion that this issue be brought forth at a public meeting before lengthy process is begun. Many Maryland municipalities set Personal Property Tax at same rate as utility tax, but it can be done many ways.

Motion to proceed--Smith

2nd--Biser

Vote 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Donation Request--BEACON--Dave Dunn

Request attached.

Motion to donate 10-\$10 Superfresh Cards, totally \$100.00--Biser

2nd--Bruchey

Vote 5-0

Public Works and Police Vehicle Bids and BB&T Vehicle Loan--Resolution No. 07-14--Dave Dunn

Bid packs attached. Staff recommends approval to Hagerstown Ford for PW vehicle and award Police bid to State bidder. Staff recommends using BB&T for loan.

Motion to award bids--Bruchey

2nd--Smith

Vote 5-0

Employee Appreciation Day--Choice of Friday, November 23 or Monday, December 24, 2007--Dave Dunn

This is not a holiday, and is not treated as a holiday. City Hall and other departments are open both days, so coverage needs to be in place.

Motion to approve--Allgaier

2nd-Smith
Vote 5-0

Approved By: Paul J. Jones 12/11/07
Mayor Date

Witnessed By: David Williams 12/11/07
City Administrator Date